

REMARKS:

The claims in the application remain 1-33.

Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Responsive to the restriction requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.499 raised in paragraph 2 of the Office Action, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-21 drawn to a device for modular construction, for examination at the present time. In this regard, independent method Claim 22 has been amended to depend from independent device Claim 1. Accordingly, dependent method Claims 22-33 should also be allowable upon allowance of an independent device claim.

Responsive to the election of species under PCT Rule 13.1 raised in paragraph 1 of the Office Action, Applicants elect species III, carriage 60 illustrated in Fig. 5, for examination at the present time. Currently device Claims 1-12 and 19- 21 all read upon this elected species.

In other matters, Claims 29, 30, 32 and 33 have been amended to insert proper punctuation. A petition for an automatic one month extension of time for response under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) is enclosed in triplicate, together with the requisite petition fee.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George M. Kaplan", is written over a horizontal line.

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